

Level 3-3
The Three Sillies

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

The Three Sillies is a story about a young man who meets silly people.

A farmer, his wife, and his daughter were all very silly. The daughter's boyfriend was very sensible.

One evening, the daughter saw an ax stuck in the ceiling of the cellar. She wondered what would happen if she had a son and the ax fell on his head and killed him. She began to cry. The girl told her mother and father about the ax. They all cried together. The girl's boyfriend laughed and took the ax down from the ceiling.

The girl's boyfriend left to look for other silly people. If he found people sillier than the farmer's family, he promised to come back and marry the girl.

First, the man saw a woman pushing her cow up a ladder. She wanted the cow to eat the grass on the roof. The cow fell off the roof, and the woman got stuck in the chimney.

Then, the man shared a room with another man at an inn. The other man tried to jump into his pants. The girl's boyfriend showed him how to sit and pull his pants on.

At night, he saw people around a pond. They thought the moon had fallen in the pond. He told them it was the moon's reflection that they saw in the water. They chased him away.

Counting the woman with the cow, the man at the inn, and the people around the pond, the young man met more than three people sillier than the farmer's family. The young man kept his promise. He went back to the farm and married the farmer's daughter.

2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-15:** A farmer had a wife and a daughter. The daughter saw an ax in the ceiling. The daughter cried about how the ax could fall on her future son's head and kill him. Her mother and father cried, too. The daughter's boyfriend left the farm to look for other silly people.

► **Pages 16-21:** The man met two sillier people. He saw a woman pushing her cow onto the roof of her house. The cow fell off the roof, and the woman got stuck in the chimney. After that, he met a man at the inn who tried to put his pants on by jumping into them.

► **Pages 22-26:** The young man found a lot of silly people around a pond. They thought the moon fell into the pond. The man told them it was only the reflection of the moon in the water. They tried to hit him. The man went back to the farm and married the farmer's daughter.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Common Sense:** People can seem very silly sometimes. They lack common sense about certain things. They would rather do nothing or do things the hard way than accept the advice and help of others. Some people just do not know any better. They may not have been taught the right way and cannot figure out an easier solution by themselves.

★ **Promises:** Do not make promises that you cannot or will not keep. When we keep our promises, we show others that we are honest and trustworthy. If we do not keep our promises, people will not believe that we are worth trusting in the future.

★ **Helping others:** It is good to help others in need. Some people will accept our help, but others will not. It is nice to offer help to everyone even if they do not choose to accept it.

★ **Accepting Others:** Everyone is different. We all have different likes and dislikes, and different strengths and weaknesses. We cannot force people to be who they are not. It is good to accept others as they are, despite their faults.

Answer Key

Part A. Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. He was born in Australia.
2. He collected fairy tales, poems, nursery rhymes, and other kinds of stories.
3. There are 87 stories in the two books.

► Characters

1. Farmer's Daughter	<u>wanted to marry</u> <u>cried</u> <u>silly</u>
2. Young Man	<u>traveled</u> <u>found many silly people</u> <u>not silly</u>

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Beginning: Pages 6-15

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a family who saw an ax in the ceiling of their cellar.
2. I would not marry someone who is silly because it would be too annoying.
3. I would get a ladder and take the ax down.

B. Review Questions

1. She went to the cellar to get some cheese.
2. She cried because she thought about the ax falling and killing her future son.
3. He left to find three people sillier than the farmer and his family.

► Middle: Pages 16-21

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a woman and man who are very silly.
2. I would climb on the roof and cut the grass.
3. I would not share a room with a stranger. That may not be safe for me.

B. Review Questions

1. She wanted the cow to eat the grass on the roof.
2. She would know because the rope would pull on her wrist.
3. He was trying to jump into his pants.

► End: Pages 22-26

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about more silly people.
2. I think it is not easy to help silly people. They do not want to listen to others.
3. I would ask them what they were doing.

B. Review Questions

1. They were trying to get the moon out of the pond.
2. It was a reflection of the moon in the sky.
3. He returned because he found at least three people who were sillier than them.

Mini Quiz

a. A fool and his money are soon parted.

→ It is easy to take money away from a foolish person.

b. A whip for a horse, a stick for a fool's back.

→ The only way to get an animal or a fool to do work is to use force. You hit a horse with a whip to make a horse work. You hit a fool with a stick to make him or her do work.

c. A fool will not listen to good advice.

→ It is no use giving good advice or instructions to a foolish person. He or she will not listen to you.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: Why are you eating?

B: Because I am hungry.

5. A: Why are you crying?

B: Because this movie is sad.

► Challenge

1. She saw it in the ceiling of the cellar.
2. He left to see if there were sillier people elsewhere.
3. She was tied to the cow that fell off the roof.
4. He tried to tell them the truth.

Part B. Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

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| 1. explain | 2. second |
| 3. ceiling | 4. pond |
| 5. knob | 6. evening |
| 7. moon | 8. rake |
| 9. across | 10. cellar |

B.

Across

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| 2. neck | 4. grass | 6. promise |
| 8. ladder | 9. wrist | 10. broom |

Down

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| 1. dresser | 3. chimney | 5. stick | 7. reflection |
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Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Pages 6-15

A.

1. F 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. T

B.

1. Farmer's Daughter
2. Farmer's Wife
3. Farmer
4. Young Man

C.

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. b 5. c

► Middle: Pages 16-21

A.

1. T 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. T

B.

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b

C.

1. a 2. d 3. b 4. d 5. b

► End: Pages 22-26

A.

1. F 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. F

B.

1. d 2. c 3. a 4. b

C.

1. a 2. c 3. c 4. b 5. d

Think and Write

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| 1. ceiling | 2. Cry | 3. roof | 4. cow | 5. grass |
| 6. pants | 7. jump | 8. Sit | 9. rakes | 10. reflection |

Vocabulary Review

1. The girl went to the cellar.
2. She saw an ax stuck in the ceiling.
3. The girl told her the story.
4. The girl's boyfriend just laughed.
5. The girl lost her boyfriend.
6. She tied a rope to her wrist.
7. The cow was on the ground.
8. There were pants on the dresser.
9. The moon is in the sky.
10. The man kept his promise.

Summary

A.

e → c → d → a → f → b

B.

1. A woman pushed her cow up a ladder.
2. The daughter saw an ax in the ceiling.
3. A man tried to jump into his pants.

Book Report

Story e → b → c → d → a